

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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14. A method for making microcomponents exhibiting microreliefs of an optical quality, comprising:

making a microrelief of optical quality for each microcomponent by mechanical machining of ^{PAB} [the substrate], the mechanical machining comprising moving at least one tool translationally and parallel to the substrate; and ~~for P- P~~ B

cutting out the microcomponents in the substrate such that the individual microcomponents or groups of microcomponents are separated from each other.

27. A method for making microcomponents exhibiting microreliefs of an optical quality, comprising:

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making a microrelief of optical quality for each microcomponent by mechanical machining of ^{PAB} [the substrate], the mechanical machining comprising moving at ^{0.5} least one tool translationally and ^{No!} parallel to the substrate, the vertical dimension of the microrelief being in the range between 10 microns to 600 microns; and B

cutting out the microcomponents in the substrate such that the individual microcomponents or groups of microcomponents are separated from each other.

Please add the following Claims:

28. A method of making a microcomponent in a substrate of a certain thickness, the method comprising:

mechanically machining, by moving at least one tool translationally relative to the material, a microcomponent in the substrate;

producing, as a result of the mechanically machining, an optical quality surface on a microrelief scale in the substrate;

separating the microcomponent from the remainder of the substrate.

29. A method of making a microcomponent in a material of a certain thickness, the method comprising:

removing material on a microrelief scale from the substrate, the removal of material not exceeding the thickness of the material, the removal performed in a translational relationship to the substrate;

producing, based on the step of removing material, a microrelief feature in the material having a surface of optical quality.

30. A method of making a microcomponent in a material of a certain thickness, the method comprising: